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Majority prices were unchanged to higher; trade sentiment was at least steady to firm. Retail and food service demand was light to moderate, but movement was limited in the East and Midwest caused by severe winter weather. Delivery delays, plant closures, and reduced schedules also occurred as a result of the dangerous snow and ice in those regions. Supplies of all sizes were in good balance to well cleared. Processing schedules in the East were light due to another storm possibly approaching. In the parts structure, trading was light to fairly good, and availability of all items was no more than adequate to tight. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at weights in a full range, but mostly desirable.

Final report of prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook broiler/fryers delivered to first receivers at major market areas week of 1/26/04-01/30/04 (cents per lb)

AREAS	US GRADE A (Includes branded product)		COMPOSITE		
	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	LOADS	WTD AVG	LOADS
Delivered to First Receivers					
Bos/New Eng	75.00-76.00	75.35	17	70.51	50
Chicago	66.00-69.00	69.54	38	71.89	71
Ohio Cities	TFEWR	—	—	71.20	31
Denver	74.50	74.37	15	69.89	26
Detroit	68.00-70.00	70.62	13	71.02	47
Los Angeles	75.00	74.84	61	75.30	133
New York	73.00-76.00	73.58	26	71.29	67
Philadelphia	72.50-75.00	73.58	12	71.23	24
Pittsburgh	73.00-75.00	73.92	12	70.99	60
St. Louis	69.00	68.78	24	67.98	49
San Francisco	75.50	75.94	33	80.98	66
Composite Weighted Average					
Loads	01/26/04 Change/Last Wk 01/19/04 01/27/03				
624	72.54	2.75	69.79	60.13	

WOG BROILERS (without giblets) - prices paid per lb delv'd to first receivers in trucklot and less than trucklot quantities.

REGIONS	MAJORITY	WTD AV	LOADS
East	72.00-75.00	73.21	35
Central	68.00-75.00	73.41	69
West	67.00-73.75	72.57	40
Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent			
Mississippi	69.50-71.00	69.61	79

GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 70.00 cents based on ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds.

LOADS	RANGE	MONDAY FINAL WTD AVG FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT
1,023	66.00-78.00	69.64

The Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed final weighted average prices on ice packed parts:

ITEM	WTD AVG (CENTS PER POUND)	VOLUME (000 POU)
LINE RUN TENDERS	204.50	1,352
BREASTS - B/S	181.00	5,460
BREASTS - WHOLE	95.50	1,585
THIGH MEAT - B/S	96.00	1,003
LEG QUARTERS	33.00	8,114
WINGS	116.00	2,899

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NORTHEAST REGION BROILER/FRYER Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was fair to moderate entering the week as freezing rain and snow played havoc throughout the Northeast. Offerings were generally in good balance and were well cleared. Retail and distributive movement was fair. The market tone was at least steady to fully steady. In the parts complex, breast items were in close balance. Leg items were about adequate. Wings were closely cleared.

SOUTHERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Trade sentiment was at least steady. Demand was fair to moderate with active trading, and supplies were balanced to well cleared for trade needs. In the parts structure, availability of all items was no more than adequate to tight and moving well. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mixed, but mostly desirable weights.

WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Final majority prices were unchanged from last week's levels. Trading reported for this week's deliveries at unchanged to higher prices. Offerings were adequate overall. Buyers' interest centered on regular commitments as higher asking prices for product caused them to watch further market developments. Retailer demand was moderate to fairly good best where features in progress. Dealers reported satisfactory weekend clearances. Trading reported on parts for this week's delivery: leg quarters 32.5-34.5 bulk and 4/10s 34.5-39.5, breast bone-in 98-103 and boneless 165-170, wings 121-122. The Los Angeles negotiated WOG weighted average was 66.52 up 1.14 with the volume reported up 4 percent to 29 loads.

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYER Final majority prices increased 1 cent; Ohio cities TFEWR from last Tuesday's final. The market tone on whole broilers was steady to firm, mostly fully steady. Offers were limited. Movement into all channels was no better than light to moderate and mostly slow into Ohio and St. Louis markets. Floor stocks and weights were in a full range; deliveries disrupted due to snow and ice. Trading on wings and dark meat items was moderate to good, and fair on the balance. Supplies of wings and dark meat cuts were in close balance to short, all other items barely adequate to adequate. The market tone was mostly fully steady to firm on all parts.

DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was disrupted as freezing rain and snow blanketed the area, causing processors to reduce or suspend operations throughout the Delmarva region, and into areas of North Carolina. Seller offerings were limited and where available easily cleared in most instances. Live supplies were moderate; weights were mostly desirable to heavy. Processor schedules were very light due to the hazardous weather conditions and forecasts of another advancing storm. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 74 to 84 cents. Trade sentiment was at least steady.

*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA.

BRANDED U.S. GRADE A	
RANGE	61-88
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	76.21
NO. OF BOXES	8,557

*6 of 8 plants reporting.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS Trucklot buying activity was at least moderate entering the week. Offerings of breast items were in tight balance with bone-in breast in the best balance. Dark meat items were clearing satisfactorily. Wings were closely balanced. Inclement weather conditions hampered much of the Northeast and was raising havoc on both production and transportation. Movement through retail channels was at least moderate best where feature activity was planned. Distributive draw was fair to moderate. The market tone was fully steady on breast items and wings, at least steady to fully steady on dark meat cuts.

ICE PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST

RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER POUND

ITEM	NEGOTIATED	TRADING	WTD AVG	VOLUME /LBS
BREAST - B/S	175			
TENDERLOINS	160-165			
BREAST - WITH RIBS	93-94			
BREAST - LINE RUN	93			
LEGS	42-43			
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	31-32			
DRUMSTICKS	38-39			
THIGHS	37-38			
B/S THIGHS	90-91			
WINGS (WHOLE)	112-113			
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12			
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	35-40			
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	60-65			

INCLUDES NEW YORK CITY METROPOLITAN AREA, NORTHERN NEW JERSEY, MASSACHUSETTS, CONNECTICUT, RHODE ISLAND, AND PENNSYLVANIA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG).

* TODAY'S NEGOTIATED SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

** WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

ARKANSAS BROILER/FRYER PARTS F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED-PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

ITEM	LBS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WT. AVG
BREAST - B/S	1,769	137.00-201.00	165-170	166.92
TENDERLOINS	428	147.00-192.00	-	160.10
BREAST - WITH RIBS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	1,224	26.00-30.00	29	29.33
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	2,253	28.00-34.00	30-31	30.67
WINGS (WHOLE)	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
THIGHS	1,177	28.00-36.00	34-35	34.97

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	ESTIMATE	ACTUAL	AVG WTS	ACTUAL	AVG WTS
	01/26	01/22	01/22	01/19	01/15
ALA	3,985	3,901	5.20	2,576	5.22
ARK	5,373	5,185	5.00	5,053	5.09
DELMARVA	922	2,275	5.50	(A)	5.29
KY-LA-TN	2,019	1,839	4.95	1,664	5.03
MISS	2,996	2,952	5.42	(A)	5.40
NC	1,242	2,444	6.30	1,576	6.25
TEXAS	2,057	2,069	4.90	2,453	4.98
TOTAL	18,594	20,665	5.29	15,323	5.30
MON	18,594(B)			15,323(B)	

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations

(B) Weekly cumulative for states listed above. Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 26-Jan 2004 is estimated to be 27,819,000 up 20.98 percent from a week ago and down 4.80 percent from a year ago. (Last week 22,994,000 last year 29,221,000)

SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED-PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	885	168.00-255.00	175-177	179.82
TENDERLOINS	183	163.00-218.00	163-168	172.48
BREAST - LINE RUN	107	92.00-99.00	93-94	94.19
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	104	41.00-54.00	42-44	44.43
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	469	30.00-32.00	30-31	30.55
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	530	33.00-34.00	-	33.62
WINGS (WHOLE)	295	114.00-121.00	114-116	116.19
WINGS (CUT)	479	128.00-139.00	135-138	134.29
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS
TRADING FOR JANUARY 26, 2004 — F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
60.50 - 65.50	63.32	60.94

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYER ICE-PACKED POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES DELIVERED TO: IL, IN, IA, KS, MI, MN, MO, NE, ND, OH, SD, AND WI WEEK OF 26-30-JAN-2004

CENTS PER POUND	Price Per Lb.	Mostly
BREAST - B/S	160.00 - 174.00	162.00 - 174.00
BREAST - LINE RUN	87.00 - 107.00	91.00 - 97.00
LEGS	36.00 - 51.00	-
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	30.00 - 35.00	30.00 - 32.00
DRUMSTICKS	34.00 - 46.00	-
THIGHS	37.00 - 46.00	-
WINGS (WHOLE)	114.00 - 126.00	114.00 - 117.00
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	12.00 - 20.00	-
LIVERS	30.00 - 39.00	-
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	39.00 - 47.50	-

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY, DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

	RANGE
WOGS 2# & UP - WHOLE	87
WOGS 2# & UP - CUT UP 8&9 PIECES	90-94

FROZEN HENS 5# & UP FROZEN DUCKS FROZEN SQUABS	585-600
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DELIVERED TO RETAILERS IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA)

FRESH FRYERS	92-98
ROASTERS 4# & UP	81-95
HENS UNDER 5#	
HENS OVER 5#	60-63

DUCKS
RABBITS-WHOLE
RABBITS-CUT UP

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY

DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	102-104
	ICE PACK
ROASTERS 4# & UP	100-101
	DRY PACK
	ICE PACK
HENS OVER 5#	105
	ICE PACK
	DRY PACK
DUCKS	89-91
	89-89
	152-175

EASTERN REGION MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN

F.O.B. SHIPPER DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN THE EASTERN REGION IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND, DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS.

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CHICKEN — PRICES — VOLUME —
(Cents per Pound)

FAT	CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS					
RANGE		-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE					

CHICKEN WITH SKIN ADDED — PRICES — VOLUME —
(Cents per Pound)

FAT	CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS					
RANGE	15.50-16.00		15.00	1,346,000	884,000
WTD AVERAGE	15.70		15.00		
15-20%					
RANGE	14.00-19.00		12.50-15.50	1,870,000	494,000
WTD AVERAGE	16.95		13.29		
20% OR MORE					
RANGE	-		12.00	200,000	-
WTD AVERAGE			12.00		

* INCLUDES THE STATES of CT, DE, FL, GA, MA, MD, ME, NC, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, SC, VA, VT, WV

SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN Majority prices were unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Demand was fair to moderate. Offerings were mostly adequate. Processing schedules were less than normal. Supplies of finished product were clearing satisfactorily. The undertone was steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 26-JAN-04.

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING	6.5-9.5	8.5-9	8.59
FOB PLANT	TOO FEW TO REPORT		

*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

CENTRAL REGION MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN

F.O.B. SHIPPER DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN THE CENTRAL REGION IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND, DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS.

16-JAN-2004

CHICKEN — PRICES — VOLUME —
(Cents per Pound)

FAT	CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS					
RANGE		-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE					

CHICKEN, WITH SKIN ADDED — PRICES — VOLUME —
(Cents per Pound)

FAT	CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS					
RANGE		-	12.00-15.00	163,200	-
WTD AVERAGE			13.75		
15-20%					
RANGE		11.00-17.00	10.00-13.75	3,605,200	2,524,800
WTD AVERAGE		12.98	11.50		
20% OR MORE					
RANGE		-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE					

* INCLUDES THE STATES of AL, AR, IA, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MI, MN, MO, MS, ND, NE, OK, OH, SD, TN, TX, WI

SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN Prices were generally unchanged compared to the past week. Demand was moderate for fully adequate offerings of spent hens. Finished sales were fair. Schedules were normal. Trade sentiment was about steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *
FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 26-JAN-04

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	6.75-11.5	8.5-9	9.04

*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

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